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Files Dispute Ferrie 'Link' To Oswald

A private investigator admitted to the Secret Service that he lied when he said he knew of a connection between David W. Ferrie and presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, according to government documents.

Ferrie, who was found dead in his New Orleans apartment Wednesday, was named by investigator Jack S. Martin as the man who allegedly trained Oswald in using weapons with telescopic sights and who might have been lined up as a get-away pilot.

The report, on file at the National Archives, asserted that these allegations, and others, are "without foundation," and that Martin admitted to both the Secret Service and the FBI that he concocted them.

According to the report filed by Secret Service agent Anthony E. Gerrets and John W. Rice, Martin said he called New Orleans Assistant Dist. Atty. Herman S. Kohman during a drinking bout on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after President Kennedy was assassinated.

The Secret Service report added that Martin had a reputation in New Orleans of furnishing "incorrect information to law enforcement officers, attorneys, etc."